THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR.

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"And may the grace of God the Father, whose throne is high in the heavens, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who sitteth on the right hand of his power, until all things shall become subject unto him, be, and abide with you forever" (MORONI 9: 26).

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NINETY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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THE third session of general conference commenced at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 4th. President Heber J. Grant announced the opening hymn, "High on the Mountain Top." The opening prayer was by Elder William M. Waddoups, President of the Hawaiian temple. Sister Eva Aird sang a solo, "The Hour of Hallowed Peace."

Elder George Albert Smith was the first speaker. The Saints at conference, said Elder Smith, have reason to be grateful. The beautiful morning and all the blessings vouchsafed by God to His people are such as to swell the heart with gratitude, he said.

In this day of political and economic turmoil, said Elder Smith, it is gratifying to know that God's hand is over all. The members of this Church, he said, should be and are especially grateful for this great land of liberty (the United States), and they should do all in their power to preserve the principle of liberty and freedom of thought.

Elder Smith read from a revelation wherein the Lord promises that all things that seemingly afflict His people shall be turned to their good. In regard to the laws of the land, said Elder Smith, the word of the Lord in the same revelation is to the effect that His servants and His people should uphold, sustain and befriend the constitutional law of the land.

Elder Smith read from a statement in the Doctrine and Covenants concerning the stand of the Church on the laws of the land, to the effect that all men are bound to uphold and sustain the laws of the land in which they live, at the same time, however, holding sacred the freedom of conscience; that crime should be punished but that religion should not be proscribed; that it is

not just to mingle religious influence with civic government; that all religions societies have the right to try their members for fellowship, but not for personal liberties or property right.

There is only one safe course, the speaker said, and that is for this people to sustain the laws of the land and to befriend the great basic law of the nation. No man can be a Latter-day Saint, said Elder Smith, who will lend his support to any movement designed to change this great document in its fundamental elements.

In concluding his address, Elder Smith expressed the hope that the Saints will prove true to the word of the Lord and to their heritage.

The next speaker was Bishop John Wells. He noted the fact that the great assemblage at the conference was composed of a vast number of persons, delegates, so to speak, but not delegates whose expenses had been paid by any organization. Bishop Wells expressed his gratitude for the blessings of the Lord.

Elder Wells referred to various phases of religious worship, such as the responsibility of preaching the Gospel to the world and of performing work in behalf of the dead, such as family prayers, attendance at religious services and the payment of tithing. All these, he said, are essential in the lives of the Latter-day Saints. Bishop Wells said he would like to see further development of spiritual life in the homes of the Latter-day Saints; he would like to see more faithful observance of family prayers and more scripture reading. The Church is a great aggregation of families and the family is the basic unit of the community, he said.

One way to bring about the further development of the spiritual life of the Latter-day Saints, the speaker said, is to give stricter heed to the work of ward teaching. Here, Elder Wells enlarged upon the work of the ward teachers. To labor as a ward teacher, said Elder Wells, means to keep the commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy might, mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." In conclusion, Elder Wells prayed the Lord to bless this people to make the best of to-day and of the opportunities that are here now.

Elder Joseph W. McMurrin of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy was the next speaker. He said he is happy in the work that has been allotted to him to labor in the mission-field. His companions, too, he said, are happy in their work and are doing their best to discharge the responsibility of preaching the Gospel. In numerous instances, he said, the missionaries are young men and young women who have not hitherto had much experience in Church activities, but they put themselves in the line of duty by obedience to every call that is made of them and thus develop marvelously and rapidly into true and able servants of the Lord and worthy and capable expounders of the Gospel. The mission-

aries, the speaker said, endeavor to impress upon the people of the world that without the Gospel mankind can not be saved.

This is the old Gospel restored anew, said Elder McMurrin, and the inhabitants of the world have the key to prove its falsity, if it be false, in the word of the Lord as contained in the holy Scriptutres; but when the missionaries prove from the same key that the restored Gospel is true, then men are responsible if they reject it. There is but one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the speaker said, and if mankind will not accept it, theirs is the responsibility, if so be it that the Saints have discharged their responsibility in declaring it unto the people of the world.

Whenever God has established a Gospel dispensation upon the earth, said Elder McMurrin, He has dealt with mankind through His own appointed servants holding due authority, and so it is in this dispensation. The testimony of this people, the speaker said, is that the Gospel is restored, that another angel has flown in the midst of the heavens bringing the everlasting Gospel. This was foreseen and was written in the law of God, and the missionaries of this Church bear solemn testimony of its fulfillment—all the denial in the world can not change it, the speaker declared. This testimony has come into the lives of all faithful Latter-day Saints, said Elder McMurrin, and it prompts them to clear their shirts of the blood and sins of men and to cry repentance unto the world.

The next speaker was Bishop David A. Smith. Many good things have been spoken thus far by the speakers, remarked Bishop Smith. He said his mind was dwelling on the wonderful organization and government of the Church. His calling, he said, does not bring him into contact to any great extent with non-members of the Church, but more with the faithful members and more especially with the lesser Priesthood. This lesser Priesthood, the speaker said, he has found through the study of history was conferred for the greater part in ancient times on mature men. He said he has come to know that it is for the preparation of greater things, to watch over and be with the Church in things temporal, to prepare the members for spiritual development.

Here Bishop Smith outlined the duties of the lesser Priesthood, showing how each has to do with preparation for greater things. A young man develops in his calling just to the extent that he renders service, said Bishop Smith. And this great principle of service underlies all Gospel truth, he added.

This is a work depending on no one individual, the speaker said. And is there not more that can and should be done by each and every one, he queried in conclusion.

Elder B. H. Roberts of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy and President of the Eastern States mission, the next speaker, observed that Elder McMurrin had reported the mission work on

the Pacific coast. He would report the work on the Atlantic coast, he said. Comparison might seem unfavorable, he said, as the Gospel in the East is not so readily accepted as in the west, probably. But it could not be said, Elder Roberts averred, that it is due to any lack of effort or diligence on the part of the missionaries.

Elder Roberts read a prepared report of missionary activities over the period of a recent month. One hundred and twenty-nine missionaries had distributed thousands of tracts, visited thousands of homes, held thousands of Gospel conversations, many meetings in homes, halls and open-air, and had put forth a vast amount of missionary work in the aggregate, he reported. And yet, he said, when results are given, the mere figures are not so gratifying, the number of baptisms are comparatively few. Thus, it might be said, declared Elder Roberts, that a ton of effort had been put forth for an ounce of result. But, is that the true way to measure the result, he asked. When the value of a soul in the sight of God is considered, the result is mighty, he declared. In the same way, the Master accomplished a great work, putting forth His tons of effort regardless of the results, the speaker said.

Elder Roberts reported that within the past year, three chapels had been acquired in the Eastern States mission—one at Charleston, West Virginia, one at Baltimore, Maryland and one at Fremont, West Virginia. This progress, said Elder Roberts, would seem to mark the way to the establishment of permanent centers in the great land of America.

Here, the speaker referred to Church history, wherein is recorded the utterance of the Prophet Joseph Smith that the whole land of America is the Land of Zion. Elder Roberts said that the Prophet even designated Boston, New York and Philadelphia as places for stakes of Zion, and that Brigham Young, following the Prophet, said, in regard to the conception of Zion, that it is not to be merely Jackson County, Missouri, but all of the land of America.

Then, said Elder Roberts, came the martyrdom of the Prophet and the temporary delay in the establishment of Zion due to the migration westward of the Church. But now, he queried, after decades, during which the Lord's people have been trained and brought up under His care, might it not be said that the time is near when the Gospel word should spread to all the land, when stakes shall be built up all over the land of Zion.

Let Latter-day Saints get a larger conception of the field of labor than just Utah and the surrounding region, said Elder Roberts. "Let us conceive of this great land as the land of Zion," he said, "from Alaska to the islands of the sea, from seaboard to seaboard, with the center stake of Zion to be where it was promised by the Lord it should be—in Jackson County, Missouri." Zion

has not been removed, said Elder Roberts, it is still America, and the temple of temples will be built in the center stake.

The closing song was, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." The benediction was pronounced by President Soren M. Nielson of the North Sanpete Stake.

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PRESIDENT GRANT'S CONFERENCE MESSAGE.*

I REJOICE again at having the opportunity of meeting with the Saints in general conference. It is a very inspiring sight to see this large tabernacle filled to overflowing, and people standing at the first session.

The exercises of to-day and throughout the conference are to be broadcasted; and it is estimated that in the neighborhood of a million people will be able to hear all that is said, provided they are listening in during the conference sessions. The radio is one of the most marvelous inventions man knows anything about. To have the voice carried for thousands of miles seems beyond comprehension.

I rejoice in the remarkable and wonderful growth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in our day. Over a year before the Church was organized, a short revelation was given through the Prophet Joseph, directed to his father. It reads as follows:

"Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

"Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work;

"For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;

"And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.

"Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

"Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen."

If there is any one thing more than another that I desire to impress upon the hearts of the Latter-day Saints, it is that we should in very deed serve God with all our might, mind and

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*Address delivered by President Heber J. Grant at the opening session of the Ninety-fifth semi-annual general conference, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 3rd, 1924.

strength, that we may keep pace with the progress of His work here upon the earth. This very audience here to-day, the immense auditorium filled to overflowing, testifies more eloquently than any language of mine regarding the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ. When I recall the revelations that were given to the Prophet Joseph prior to the organization of the Church, foretelling the growth and the accomplishments of the work of God here upon the earth, it is one of many testimonies to me regarding the divinity of this work in which you and I are engaged.

I believe the Saints will be interested in knowing something of the progress in various ways that has taken place in the Church since we last assembled here. Within a few weeks after the April conference, it fell to my lot to go East and to hold meetings in Denver, of the Western States mission, in Independence, Kansas City and St. Louis of the Central States mission, and later to visit Omaha in the Western States mission. I had the privilege of speaking in all of these places, and also of meeting with and instructing our Elders. I found a wonderful spirit of loyalty on the part of the mission presidents, of the Elders and of the lady missionaries in all of these places. I rejoiced exceedingly in visiting with them. I came in contact with a number of influential men, some of whom attended our services. Several of them afterward expressed their pleasure in having heard something regarding our faith that was new to them. The great majority of mankind pay little or no attention to the message of the Latter-day Saints, but many pay a great deal of attention to the things of a detrimental character that are published against us. To-day, men of intelligence, men of thought, and men who are studying, in seeing the wonderful progress of the work of God here on earth, are beginning to realize that there must be something good in it, considering the class of people that are attracted to it.

I had the pleasure of playing a game of golf in Kansas City, and learned that the title to part of the very ground upon which we were playing, originally stood in the name of the bishop of the "Mormon" Church. I also learned that a large proportion of Kansas City stands upon ground once owned by the Latter-day Saints. The title to much of it has never passed, and the only title people to-day have to a portion of that great city is by possessing the ground. In tracing the abstracts back, they find that the title originally was in the name of the bishop of the "Mormon" Church. We all remember with gratitude the wonderful courage and manhood of General Doniphan in saving the life of the Prophet Joseph. Part of our holdings in that section of the country—thousands of acres, as I remember it—was turned over to Doniphan as a fee for legal services. The price of those lands then was very insignificant, but I was

assured that the very land turned over to General Doniphan is to-day worth more than ten millions of dollars.

After returning from visiting the Western and the Central States mission, in June, I went East and visited the Northern States mission, the Canadian mission and the Eastern States mission. I had the privilege, for the first time, of visiting Montreal, in Canada, and of attending one of the sessions of the Rotary club in Toronto. The work in all of the missions I have visited since the last conference is progressing in a splendid way.

Since our last conference, President Anthony W. Ivins and Elder Richard R. Lyman have visited the Hawaiian Islands with members of their families. The work there is progressing splendidly. Our sugar plantations there are progressing more satisfactorily at the present time than for many years past.

New chapels are being erected in many of our missions. A site for a new chapel has been purchased on one of the principal streets in Washington, D.C., and we expect to erect a place of worship there that will be a credit to the Latter-day Saints, and worthy of that city of beautiful churches, wonderful public buildings and palatial residences. We hope to have a building there that will be as much of a credit to us at Washington as our magnificent office building is to us here—not as expensive, of course, but in every respect worthy of the Church of Christ.

Brother James E. Talmage has been chosen to preside over the European mission. Elder David O. McKay will have been in that mission two years by the time he leaves it. Previous to his being called there, he and Brother Hugh J. Cannon spent a year in traveling around the world, visiting nearly all of the missions of the world. Therefore, we felt it was only fair to him to allow him to return to his mountain home without staying the usual three years that the brethren spend in England.

We have sent considerable sums of money to the Norwegian and Danish missions for final payment on meeting-houses purchased years ago. We have purchased a fine large meeting-house at Rotterdam. There has been erected a splendid meeting-house at Honolulu; and others are now authorized in the Hawaiian Islands. We have secured a long lease of farming lands for the Tongan mission, not being able to purchase and get title there.

The baptisms in the mission during the past six months number 3,156, a very decided increase over the average in years past.

Two new stakes have been organized since our last conference, namely, the Grant stake, taken from the Granite stake, and the Minidoka stake, a part of the Blaine stake.

Twelve new wards have been organized during the past six months.

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DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1924.

EDITORIAL:

A PARTING WORD.

ON the 31st ult., as previously announced in the columns of the *Star*, President and Sister James E. Talmage, accompanied by their daughter, Helen, and son, John, arrived in Liverpool, safe and well—happy in joyous anticipation as they enter the promising field of service that lies before them. With the nine missions included in the European mission, Sister McKay and I rejoice in extending a heartfelt welcome to our esteemed friends and beloved associates, and are thankful in the realization that the great responsibilities of the Presidency of the European mission are now transferred to such able and experienced leaders, under whose wise guidance the future of the mission is bright with rich promises of a fruitful harvest of honest souls.

In accordance with Elder Talmage's appointment and our honorable release, we shall sail, a few weeks hence, to America, where we shall substitute duties at home for those which have interested us and given us joy during the past two years in Great Britain and Europe. Measured in miles, the distance between home and present associates will be very great; but measured in heartbeats and sympathetic interest, it will seem but a span; and we hope we shall ever remain close and intimate with our missionary companions. The memory of happy associations with members of the Church and with other friends in Great Britain, Europe and Asia will ever be sacredly cherished. Here we have met men and women whose integrity, whose devotion to the Truth, whose faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and whose consecrated service to their fellowmen are unexcelled in all the world. Is it any wonder, then, that parting from them gives sadness?

> "To know, to esteem, to love—and then to part
> Makes up life's tale of many a feeling heart!"

To all our beloved associates at the Headquarters of the mission, to the true devoted presidents of missions, to the willing, capable conference presidents and the five hundred superior men who represent the authority and who perform the service of Christ's Church in these missions, to the brave and fearless Saints who constitute the membership of the branches, we now extend a tender farewell.

In so doing, may we express the hope and the earnest desire that as friends and co-workers, we ever remain steadfast to the eternal principles of Truth. Though enemies and a misinformed, credulous public may sneer at us and continue to heap contumely upon us, though difficulties may arise and misunderstandings cause us pain, yet if we will remain true to a firm and unwavering testimony of the divinity of the Restored Gospel, we shall have strength to bear ridicule, power to overcome obstacles, and wisdom to manifest restraint under provocation. If we "let virtue garnish our thoughts unceasingly," then, as the Lord has promised, our confidence shall wax strong in His presence, the doctrine of the Priesthood shall distill upon our souls as the dew from heaven, and the Holy Ghost shall be our constant companion and guide.

The strongest testimony is that which is obtained by "doing the will of the Father," therefore, may we find joy in performing regularly and faithfully every duty in the Church. Let us pray continually in secret and in our households, pay our tithes and offerings, speak kindly of each other, sustain the Priesthood, be honest in our dealings and kind even to our enemies; let us be strict observers of the Word of Wisdom and keep ourselves pure and unspotted from the sins of immorality. If we will observe these simple duties, no power on earth can deprive us of our membership in the Church of God, and of our fellowship with one another and with Christ our Lord.

There are in these lands millions of honest men and women waiting to receive the "glad tidings of great joy"—may we so conduct ourselves that our lives may be an incentive to all to seek the truth and to live righteously.

Goodbye! "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another; and by and by will there come a time when souls congenial will no more say, adieu!"

DAVID O. MCKAY.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT AND SISTER MCKAY.

IN honor of President David O. McKay and Sister Emma Ray McKay, and to convey to them the love and esteem of the Elders and lady missionaries of the European mission, President James E. Talmage, Sisters May Booth Talmage and Helen Talmage and Elders G. Martin Hopfenbeck, Rulon H. Sanders, Harvey H. Glade and Kenneth F. Schade met, November 4th, around the family circle at "Durham House." It was an informal gathering, yet it typified the larger family circle embracing all the Elders and lady missionaries of the European mission, and partook of that spirit of love and service that so characterizes the family of missionaries of the Church of Christ who are laboring in Europe.

On behalf of one hundred per cent of the Elders and lady missionaries in the European mission, Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck presented to President and Sister McKay a cabinet of silverware as a token of the love and esteem which the missionaries have for their beloved President and his wife.

President McKay and Sister McKay responded, and in a few choice words expressed their gratitude for having been associated with such true men and women as comprise the personnel of the European mission. Each prayed that the Spirit of the Lord would continue to enrich the lives of the true friends they had found in Europe.

The Liverpool branch Relief Society gave a farewell social in honor of Sister Emma Ray McKay, Tuesday evening, October 28th. An interesting program was rendered, and refreshments were served. The Relief Society sisters presented Sister McKay with a fruit bowl as a token of remembrance and esteem. Sister McKay thanked the sisters for their love, and expressed appreciation for their support to her as president of the European Relief Societies.

The Liverpool and the Birkenhead branch held a farewell social in honor of President David O. McKay and Sister Emma Ray McKay, Wednesday, November 5th. A delightful program was rendered. Elder Lewis F. Hansen on behalf of the members of the branches presented President and Sister McKay with a silver cake dish as a token of love and remembrance.

A STORY OF LOVE.*

J. Wilford Booth.

Three men stood, one stormy night, at the threshold of a wayside cottage. Their knock at the door was answered by a modest little damsel who enquired of their names, their nativities and the purpose of their visit.

The foremost of the strange trio spake frankly and said: "My name is Love. My companions are Luck and Riches. We are seeking places for rest and refreshment. One of us would be pleased to receive the hospitality of this home to-night, and the choice of whom it is to be, we leave to you."

The girl was bewildered; she ran and called the other members of the family, who gathered quickly at the portal of their home to hold a speedy council and decide upon which of these distinguished callers they would receive. They learned and repeated

*Retold from a legend current to-day in Syria.

over and over the names of the would-be guests, studied their characters and listened again to the humble petition they made.

Wisdom ruled the family's decision, and the choice was soon made. In unison they exclaimed: "We will entertain Love!"

As they gave way for the guest to enter, they noticed the other two closely following their leader into the newly-found rooms of rest. Observing their astonishment, Love turned to the kind hosts and said, with a smile all divine: "Be not alarmed. Wherever I am made a welcome guest, there my companions also will make their abode."

And that home was blessed forever more.

MINUTES OF THE BRISTOL CONFERENCE.

THE Bristol semi-annual conference convened at Cheltenham, Sunday, October 26th. There were in attendance: President David O. McKay, Sister Emma Ray McKay and Elder Rulon H. Sanders from Liverpool, and President Don Clyde and all the traveling Elders of the Bristol conference. President McKay presided over and President Clyde conducted the various sessions.

After a prelude on the piano by Sister Elsie Bryant, the Sunday-school session commenced by the congregation's singing, "Beautiful Day." Prayer was offered by Brother Henry E. Neal. "How Great the Wisdom and the Love" was sung as the sacramental hymn. The congregation repeated the sacrament gem. The sacrament was administered by Elders Wendell R. Anderson and Reed M. Ogden, assisted by Brothers Henry E. Neal and Walter Neal. The congregation, led by Dorothy Creed, repeated the concert recitation. The congregation sang, "God is Love."

An excellent program, showing by comparison the difference between the fundamental tenets of the Latter-day Saints and those held by the various creeds of the world was rendered by the pupils of the Sunday-school. Rosy Litson gave an introductory poem. The following essays were presented; "The Need of Revelation" by Sister Ivy Fletcher, "The Godhead" by Sister Hester Neal and "Man's Salvation" by Sister Phyllis Taylor. Sister Edith Bryant rendered a solo, "Rock of Ages." Douglas Neal recited the poem, "Take Home a Smile." Sisters Dora Wintle and Elsie Bryant rendered a piano selection.

The first speaker, Elder Ben E. Summers, stated that the principles of the Gospel are eternal and that the Church will continue to stand against all opposition because it is founded upon truth.

President McKay commended those who had taken part in presenting such an instructive program. He stated that there are no greater themes in the world than those explained that

morning. He stated that there is a dire need to-day for the application of these principles.

President McKay read from the Book of Mormon a prophecy uttered by the Prophet Nephi to the effect that when the Jews no more turn aside their hearts from the Holy One of Israel, then will the Lord remember the covenants which He made to their fathers. The speaker said that if it be not accepted that this prophecy was given over 2500 years ago, it is an established fact that Joseph Smith taught it as early as 1829. President McKay then showed the changing attitude of the Jews since 1829 regarding their acceptance of Christ as a great teacher, and how simultaneously, the way has been opened for them to regain the land of their inheritance. He told of the capture of Jerusalem by General Allenby in 1917, and of the placing of a Jewish Governor over Palestine. He stated that in 1842, Orson Hyde dedicated the Holy Land as a gathering place for the Jews, and prophesied that Great Britain would be the power which would aid in restoring it. The speaker related his personal experiences in Palestine, and testified that the hand of God is guiding the affairs of men, that Jerusalem will be rebuilt and ancient prophecy fulfilled.

The closing song was, "Praise to the Man." Elder Thomas O. Smith pronounced the benediction.

The afternoon session commenced by the congregation's singing, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Invocation was offered by Brother Walter Neal. The second song was, "An Angel from on High."

The general, the mission, and the conference authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Wendell R. Anderson was the first speaker. He said that a knowledge of the Gospel, combined with the power of the Priesthood, is the greatest blessing that can come to mankind.

Elder Albert G. Stanger pointed out that men of all ages have been prone to worship some form of deity. He said that to know the only true and living God is to understand the meaning of life and its purpose.

Elder Reed M. Ogden showed that as a compass guides a ship in safety to its destination, so the Gospel serves in directing the children of God back to their heavenly Father.

Elder Peter J. Clarke said that men are all students enrolled in the world's school of progress. He declared that to be initiated into Christ's school where access to all truth is assured, should be man's aim.

Elder Kenneth J. Myers stated that the Saints have entered the path of perfection by embracing the good things that have come to them. But, he continued, it is necessary to continue in faith and study to gain perfection.

Elder J. Trevor Buddell took as his text Mark 16:16. He

explained that Christ taught that obedience to all the Gospel principles is imperative. Belief, said Elder Buddell, is necessary but it is not sufficient for exaltation.

Sisters Zina, Leah and Myrtle Cook sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

Sister Emma Ray McKay explained how thousands are now enjoying the blessings of the Gospel that came as a result of a humble prayer. The speaker cited interesting incidents showing how children can be of great aid in the promulgation of the Gospel message. Sister McKay told the Saints that if they wish to gain the respect of the world, they must have the moral courage to uphold their principles.

Elder Rulon H. Sanders drew a comparison between the destruction and chaos caused by a recent storm to the changes that come into the lives of men and women and nations. He spoke of the attempts that are being made to establish world wide peace. He pointed out that the only foundation on which permanent peace can be secured is through the application of the Bible's teachings.

The closing song was, "Now Let Us Rejoice." The benediction was pronounced by Brother A. R. Fletcher.

Immediately after the afternoon session, a meeting of the officers and teachers convened. President McKay gave many valuable instructions, urging all to unite and combine their efforts with the Elders in holding cottage meetings and in making the societies for the distribution of tracts a success. He advocated that a tithing settlement be held at the end of the year. The speaker emphasized the observance of fast day, stressing the importance of holding testimony meeting before the fast is broken.

The evening session commenced by the congregation's singing, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Invocation was offered by Elder Peter J. Clarke. The congregation sang, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning."

Elder Thomas O. Smith, the first speaker, bore testimony that there is a God who answers prayers. He exhorted all to learn to pray in humility and sincerity. Through prayer, Saints strengthen their testimonies and accelerate their progression, Elder Smith declared.

Elder Vernal G. Jones said that men are blessed by living in harmony with the laws of nature. Those laws are God's laws and by adhering to them the universal brotherhood of man may be established, he declared.

President Clyde drew a comparison between the sectarian creeds' conception of salvation and that of the Latter-day Saints. He declared that obedience to the philosophy known as "Mormonism" will transform the lives of men and mould them into characters able to overcome evil and live in harmony with celestial environment.

Sister Edith Bryant rendered a vocal solo.

President McKay, the concluding speaker, took as his text Apostle Paul's admonition to his fellow-worker, Timothy, recorded in I. Timothy 6: 11. He related some of the travels and hardships encountered by Paul while engaged in the fight for truth, comparing the rejection of Paul's evil-spoken-of Christian doctrine to the rejection of the Gospel message carried forth by the Latter-day Saint missionaries to-day. The speaker said it is not the purpose of the Latter-day Saints to force the truth upon anyone. But, he said, by way of comparison, the Latter-day Saints try to show what blessings are gained by adhering to God's laws. President McKay exhorted the Saints to live true to the principles embodied in the Gospel doctrines. He emphasized service, virtue and the Word of Wisdom.

The conference adjourned by the congregation's singing, "O My Father." The benediction was pronounced by Elder J. Trevor Buddell.

ALBERT G. STANGER, Conference Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Departures.—The following missionaries, honorably released from their labors in the British mission, sailed for their homes, Saturday, the 8th inst., per s.s., *Montcalm*: John C. Bell, the Scottish conference and President of the Ulster conference, Chancey G. Dockstader, the Manchester and the Liverpool conference, and Robert G. Gibbons, the Bristol and the Leeds conference.

Baptism.—A baptismal service was held at "Deseret" (London conference) the 26th ult. Elders Joseph F. Smith, Ernest H. Capel, Scott S. McCune and Gordon L. Weggeland were the speakers. Four candidates were baptized by President Emerson C. Willey and Brother Ralph J. Pugh. Confirmations were by Brother Sidney J. Farmer and Elders Gordon L. Weggeland, A. Lewis Elggren, Ernest H. Capel and Joseph F. Smith.

Socials.—A social was held by the Hull Relief Society in Forester's Hall, the 20th ult. A short program was rendered, followed by games and dancing. There were present, Elder Frederick G. Stoddard of the Leeds conference and President Kenneth A. Brady and all the traveling Elders of the Hull conference. Everyone present brought a small article which was sold during the evening.

A conference social was held at Cheltenham (Bristol conference) the 25th ult. An interesting program was rendered, games were played and refreshments were served. There were in attendance

all the traveling Elders of the Bristol conference and many Saints and friends.

A social was held by the Northampton branch (Birmingham conference) the 25th ult. In attendance were, President Joseph E. Tillotson, Elders Alvah N. Stout, Joseph L. Muirbrook, Lester D. Hovey, Leland N. Wight and many Saints and friends. An excellent program was rendered, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Arrivals and Appointments.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool, Friday, the 7th inst., per s.s. *Montrose*, and have been assigned as follows:

For the British mission—

James M. Armstrong, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Liverpool conference.

David W. Eardley, Baker City, Oregon, to the Leeds conference.

Lynn Lay, Marysvale, Utah, to the Leeds conference.

Jesse R. Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Newcastle conference.

Adrian V. Toolson, Smithfield, Utah, to the Liverpool conference.

For the French mission—

Thomas B. Cardon, Logan, Utah.

Verle Fry, Logan, Utah.

Preston Robinson, Farmington, Utah.

For the Swiss and German mission—

Ralph W. Ford, Centerville, Utah.

Boyd S. Parrish, Centerville, Utah.

Walter Sirstins, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Obert C. Tanner, Farmington, Utah.

Branch Conferences.—The semi-annual conference of the Bradford branch (Leeds conference) was held the 12th ult., with President John E. Wahlquist presiding and Elder Parley A. Petersen conducting. Three well-attended sessions were held. A splendid program on the theme, "The 'Mormon' Exodus," was rendered by members of the Sunday-school in the morning session. The speakers of the day were President Wahlquist and Elders Parley A. Petersen and Robert G. Gibbons.

The Norwich branch semi-annual conference was held the 19th ult., with President James D. Moyle presiding. Superintendent Frederick Tuttle conducted the Sunday-school session, and Brother Alfred Burrell the afternoon and the evening session. The speakers of the conference were: President James D. Moyle, Elders Walter F. Whitehead, Rulon Russon and Harold White and Brothers Alfred Burrell, James Hook, Herbert Brown and Frederick Tuttle.

The semi-annual conference of the Manchester branch was held

the 19th ult., with President Christopher C. Heaton presiding and Branch President B. W. T. Norman conducting. Under the direction of Superintendent Percy Glassey, a short program was rendered in the Sunday-school session. The speakers of the day were President Heaton and Elders Ronald D. McGregor and Russell C. Capener and Brother B. W. T. Norman. Sister May James sang a soprano solo.

The Burnley branch (Liverpool conference) held its semi-annual conference the 26th ult. Elder Daniel A. Thompson conducted the services under the direction of President Ernest K. Freckleton. The Sunday-school children rendered a program dealing with the life of Joseph Smith. There were in attendance eighty-two Saints and friends and President Freckleton and Elders Howard Cook, Grant W. Pett, Daniel A. Thompson, Chancey G. Dockstader and Alfred E. Randall.

Branch conference was held at Northampton (Birmingham conference) the 26th ult. Under the direction of Elder Lester D. Hovey, a well-prepared program was rendered by members of the Sunday-school. The speakers of the day were Brother W. H. Tysoe, President Joseph E. Tillotson and Elders Joseph L. Muirbrook, Lester D. Hovey, Leland N. Wight and Alvah N. Stont.

DEATH.

STAGG.—Brother Herbert Stagg died September 12th, at his home in Sheffield, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was born March 1, 1862, at Sheffield, and was baptized by Elder Howard T. Anderson and confirmed by Elder Henry F. Young, June 18, 1915. Brother Stagg was always an active Church worker, and was a light and comfort to all who knew him. Funeral services were held in the Walkley cemetery chapel, September 17th, under the direction of Elder G. Kimball Mellor. The grave was dedicated by President Willard Boden.

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